

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BERLIN 02097 101753Z

45

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-14 NEA-10 TRSE-00 SAJ-01 OMB-01

EB-11 NIC-01 DRC-01 SCEM-02 SCI-06 /169 W

----- 086969

R 101712Z DEC 73

FM USMISSION BERLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2718

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION NATO

C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 2097

E.O. 11652:

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, UR

SUBJECT: BELETSKIY'S REMARKS AT FRANCO-SOVIET MEETING

1. SUMMARY: IN COURSE OF "FILM-COCKTAIL" FOR FRENCH MISSION OFFICERS AT SOVIET EMBASSY DECEMBER 6, SOVIET COUNSELOR BELETSKIY FOR MOST PART REITERATED WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS ON CURRENT BERLIN ISSUES, BUT EXHIBITED SIGNS OF BACKING DOWN ON "FEDERAL PRESENCE" AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO FRENCH MINISTER'S ACCOUNT OF WHAT IS NOW DESCRIBED AS "ANNUAL" SOVIET-FRENCH GET-TOGETHER, BELETSKIY INITIALLY VOICED STANDARD POSITION ON REDUCTION OF FEDERAL PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN, BUT THEN MOVED TOWARDS FORMULA: "NO REDUCTION BUT NO AUGMENTATION." AS TO BEST MEANS OF SMOOTHING OVER CURRENT DIFFERENCES, BELETSKIY CITED FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL'S VISIT TO MOSCOW EARLIER IN YEAR TO DISCUSS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BERLIN 02097 101753Z

DISCREETLY WITH KVITSINSKIY WEST BERLIN PARTICIPATION

IN EXHIBITIONS. BELETSKIY SAID THIS RESULTED IN SATISFACTORY FORMULA AND SHOULD SERVE AS EXAMPLE IN OTHER CASES.

3. BELETSKIY INITIALLY ASSERTED ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY WOULD HAVE REAL POWERS OF DECISION (AND HENCE BE CONTRARY TO QA BY IMPLYING EXERCISE OF FRG GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY IN BERLIN). HOWEVER, HE RETREATED TO MORE FORMS, OF NOMENCLATURE, NOTING THAT "BUNDESINSTITUT" WOULD BE BETTER TERM THAN "BUNDESAMT," AND THEN ADDED THAT PREFIX "BUND" SHOULD BE DROPPED

4. BELZBUGATR THOUGH FRAMEWORK FOR PROVIDING JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WEST BERLIN HAD BEEN RESOLVED IN SCHEEL-GROMYKO TALKS AND THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER DIFFICULTIES.

5. BELETSKIY BROUGHT UP PROBLEM OF EXFILTRATION VIA AUTOBAHN, IMPLYING THAT FRG AND SENAT IMPLEMENT MEASURES THAT HE CLAIMED WERE PROVIDED FOR IN QA TO PUT AN END TO THIS PRACTICE. FRENCH MINISTER, IN TURN, RAISED MINIMUM OBLIGATORY CURRENCY EXCHANGE, EMPHASIZING THAT, REGARDLESS OF LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS, UNILATERAL MEASURES TAKEN BY GDR-- PARTICULARLY CONCERNING PENSIONERS-- DID NOT ACCORD WITH SPIRIT OF IMPROVEMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN QA, NOR WITH CONCERNS OF WESTERN NATIONS AT CSCE. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS WAS ILL-ADVISED ARGUMENT, INASMUCH AS FAIRLY GOOD CASE CAN BE MADE THAT CURRENCY-EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS ARE CONTRARY TO VISIT ARRANGEMENT, AND, IN ANY EVENT, THERE IS NOT MUCH TO BE GAINED BY RELATING GDR ACTION TO WHAT LOOMS FOR SOVIETS AS STICKING POINT AT GENEVA.)

6. FRENCH MINISTER CALLED TO BELETSKIY'S ATTENTION RECENT IRREGULAR ACTIVITIES OF GDR TRANSPORT POLICE AT REICHSBAHN INSTALLATIONS IN WEST BERLIN, REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO LATEST INCIDENT OF NOVEMBER 19. BELETSKIY SIMPLY REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AU COURANT. (FYI: ISSUE CONCERNED FAILURE OF REICHSBAHN PERSONNEL TO REPORT ROBBERY OF TICKET BOOTH TO WEST BERLIN POLICE, CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BERLIN 02097 101753Z

BUT WE AND BRITISH FELT SUBSEQUENT UNOBSTRUCTED BERLIN POLICE INVESTIGATION MADE NECESSARY JURISDICTIONAL POINTS.)

7. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSING WORLD FUEL SHORTAGE, BELETSKIY EMPHASIZED SIGNIFICANCE OF GDR PIPELINE OFFER TO SENAT. FRENCH MINISTER REPLIED THAT WORLD CONFIDENCE IN TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF SUPPLY WAS SOMEWHAT SHAKEN AT PRESENT AND THAT IT WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT USSR HAD SURPLUS

AVAILABLE THAT IT COULD CONTRACT TO DELIVER ABROAD ON
LONG-BASIS.KLEIN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PETROLEUM, MEETINGS, BERLIN QUADRIpartite MATTERS, EMIGRANTS, TRADE CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: hilburpw
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BERLIN02097
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS KLEIN
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BERLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731235/aaaaazqu.tel
Line Count: 117
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: hilburpw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02-Aug-2001 by willialc>; APPROVED <01-Oct-2001 by hilburpw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BELETSKIY'S REMARKS AT FRANCO-SOVIET MEETING
TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, UR, IMCO, (BELETSKIY)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005